the State/UT, opening of fair price shops and also to ensure supplies reach the fair price shops, regularly and on time. Central Government has not set any separate target for opening of fair price shops (FPS) by the States during 1995-96. State Governments/UT Administrations had set themselves a target of opening 10580 additional FPSs in the areas covered under the RPDS. Against this target as per reports received from States/UTs till 15th November, 1995, a total number of 15232 FPSs have been opened in the RPDS areas. The allocations of various items are made keeping in view the production, availability in central pool, open market availability, seasonal factors and inter-se demands from States/UTs. The request by States/UTs for additional allocation are considered from time to time keeping in view the above factors. The Central Government also provides financial assistance to States/UTs for construction of godowns and purchase of vans in RPDS areas for improving the infrastructure and delivery system to effectively reach PDS items to consumer. The implementation of PDS/RPDS is reviewed from time to time with States/UTs by Central Government in various fora to ensure streamlining and improvement in the system which is a continual process.

Formation of a Working Group

729. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the difficulties in the way for Government to form a working group to study the long term impact of various legislations on beedi and cigar workers of Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that various Ministers have authority to form a working group to study and review various policies and subjects; and

(c) if so, reasons for delay in forming a working group on this subject by t Minister of Labour?

THE MINISTER OF LABOU (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) (c) A tripartite Central Adviso Committee has been constituted to adv the Central Government on all matt relating to the administration of t Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 19 At the State level, State Level Adviso Committees have also been set up. The is no proposal under consideration constitute a working group for the bee and cigar workers of Bihar.

Awareness regarding Consun Protection

730. SHRI KRISHAN LA SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIV SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAI AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that awaren of consumer protection has not reach many departments of various St Governments;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ma police departments in the States are n aware of consumer protection with t result that many decisions of t consumer courts have not be implemented; and

(c) if so, whether government propo to intensify its campaign of spreadi awareness about consumer protection; so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIE CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBL DISTRIBUTION (DEPARTMENT CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SH VENOD SHARMA): (a) and (b) All t

State Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs, Public Distribution Department in the State/UT Governments are the nodal Departments for consumer affairs and are aware of the consumer protection laws. The responsibility for implementation of the Consumer Protection act and Rules among various State Departments including police lies with the State Governments.

(c) The Government has taken a number of measures to increase consumer awareness amongst people. Such measures include campaign through Radio, Television and news papers. Booklets, posters. Post card size material etc. are also freely distributed to spread the message of consumer protection. A quarterly journal "Upabhokta Jagaran" is also brought out by this Ministry. The State Governments and UT Administrations have also been requested to undertake suitable programmes to generate consumer awareness amongst the people. The Central Government has been providing necessary financial assistance to the State Governments. Volunatry organisations for stepping up the consumer awareness programmes.

रोजगारोन्मुखी योजनाओं के लिए योजना आयोग के निदेश

731. **श्री राजूभाई ए० परमार:** क्या **योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या योजना आयोग ने विभिन्न मंत्रालयों/विभागों को रोजगारोन्मुखी योजनाएं तैयार करने के निदेश जारी किए है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में राज्यों से परामर्श किया है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) इनके परिणामस्वरूप कुल कितने व्यक्ति लाभान्वित होंगे?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव): (क) से (ङ) योजना आयोग द्वारा विभिन्न मंत्रालयों/विभागों, राज्य सरकारों तथा संघ क्षेत्र प्रशासनों को वार्षिक योजनाएं तैयार करने के लिए जारी दिशानिर्देशों में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ, योजना के रोजगार लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने के लिए आठवीं योजना में परिकल्पित नीतियों तथा कार्यनीतियों को ध्यान में रखने की आवश्यकता पर जोर दिया गया था। योजना आयोग ने विभिन्न सम्बंधित मंत्रालयों के साथ रोजगार वाले विभिन्न सेक्टरों में नीतियों तथा कार्यक्रमों की प्रगति की समीक्षा भी की थी।

आठवीं योजना की रोजगार कार्यनीति में योजना में अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए परिकल्पित 5.6 प्रतिशत प्रतिवर्ष की संवृद्धि दर के अनुरूप, औसतन 8.5 मिलियन प्रतिवर्ष की दर से अतिरिक्त रोजगार अवसर सृजित करने की परिकल्पना की गई थी।

Employees Indicted in Vigilance cases working in Super Bazar

732. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state.

(a) the number of Officers/Sales Assistants and other employees of the Super Bazar who are still working in the Super Bazar inspite of CBI cases, FIRs pending against them in vigilance cases;

(b) the reasons due to which the top management of the Super Bazar is inclined to protect such persons against whom vigilance cases have been detected; and

(c) what action is contemplated against the management of the Super Bazar for delay in taking action against such persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI